

Loma Linda Fire Department

## Beware! It's Snake Season



City of Loma Linda





Snakes usually come out during the morning hours to hunt for food. During the peak levels of the heat, snakes look for cool areas, such as brush and rocky boulder areas, under the porch, and woodpiles.

If bitten by a snake:

- immediately call 9-1-1
- keep calm
- remove watches, rings, shoes, etc., which may constrict swelling
- > firmly wrap the bite area
- keep the bite area lower than victim's heart
- > transport safely to the nearest medical facility

Avoid first-aid treatments such as tourniquets, ice packs or cutting and sucking the poison out. These are potentially harmful.

It is also important to try to identify the snake which allows you to describe the snake to emergency personnel.



Southern Pacific



Red Diamond



Western Diamondback



Mojave Green



Speckled



Sidewinder

Six common species of rattlesnakes found in our county are pictured here.